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Definition of Precipitate

An insoluble solid that emerges from a liquid solution. The emergence of the insoluble solid from solution is called precipitation.

Precipitates can form when two soluble salts react in solution to form one or more insoluble products. The insoluble product separates from the liquid and is called a precipitate.

Precipitates can also form when the temperature of a solution is lowered. The lower temperature reduces the solubility of a salt, resulting in its precipitation as a solid.

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